

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the final Official Action of December 13, 2006 and concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Prior to this amendment, the application had Claims 1-12 pending, with Claims 1-4 and 7-12 being allowed and Claims 5-6 standing rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,950,125 to Buhrmann *et al.* ("*Buhrmann*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,371,738 to Moelard *et al.* ("*Moelard*"). Herein, Claim 5 is amended, and no claims are added or canceled, such that Claims 1-12 remain pending. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 5 of the present application is directed to a cellular mobile station having a control block, comprising: memory means adapted so as to store the information required for recognizing a localized service area on which localized services are controlled by a services server; wherein the mobile station is adapted so as to send a notification of its arrival in the localized service area to the services server in response to the recognition of the localized service area, said notification being intended as an impulse for changing the service selection offered to the mobile station.

Buhrmann is directed to providing a user of a cellular radio communications system with a location-dependent service profile. As is stated in the Background section of the present application (from line 32, page 1, to line 2, page 2) in reference to the Canadian application corresponding to *Buhrmann*,

The reference publication CA 2,195,487 discloses the definition of a co-called user zone, which consists of one or more cells or cell sectors. It is on [sic] the responsibility of a mobile telephone switching office . . . to store a user profile and to modify a service profile for a cellular telephone when that cellular telephone is situated within a user zone.

As such, *Buhrmann* discloses a prior art arrangement where location-specific handling of incoming calls takes place in response to the network determining that the subscriber is either at location "A" or "B".

Moelard relates to a local area network wherein the handover of mobile stations from one base station to another is effected in a simple manner which is easily implemented (see col. 2,

lines 19-21). Specifically, *Moelard* contemplates a local area network system including a backbone LAN connecting a plurality of addressable base stations for respective wireless cells. In response to a handover decision at a mobile wireless station to hand over communications from a first cell associated with a first base station to a second cell associated with a second base station, the mobile wireless station is adapted to transmit via the second base station a handover request message for the first base station, thereby updating the databases respectively associated with the first and second base stations (col. 2, lines 23-44).

Applicant respectfully submits that *Buhrmann* and *Moelard*, taken either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest memory means adapted so as to store the information required for recognizing a localized service area on which localized services are controlled by a services server, as recited in Claim 5. Applicant also respectfully submits that the cited references, taken either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest a mobile station that is adapted so as to send a notification of its arrival in a localized service area to a services server, the notification being intended as an impulse for changing the service selection offered to the mobile station, this also being recited in Claim 5.

Both *Buhrmann* and *Moelard* disclose systems incorporating standard base stations for use as part of a wireless network. Such standard base stations serve to universally control operations related to ordinary cellular telephony. By contrast, Claim 5 involves "localized services," rather than universal services, controlled by a "services server." As indicated by the specification of the present application (see p. 7, lines 31-34 of the present application)

The role of the service server in the embodiment according to Fig. 2 is to maintain information about which mobile stations are in which localized service areas and which services should be offered to them accordingly. The actual service is provided by the application server.

As such, a "services server," as referenced in Claim 5, does not simply universally control cellular telephony, but determines to which of multiple available services a mobile station is entitled access, this determination being based on the localized service area containing the mobile station. Given that neither *Buhrmann* nor *Moelard* disclose interaction with a "services server" as referenced in Claim 5, Applicant respectfully submits that these references do not disclose or suggest, either alone or in combination, the cellular mobile station of Claim 5, the

claimed mobile station including memory means adapted so as to store the information required for recognizing a localized service area on which localized services are controlled by a services server and adapted so as to send a notification of arrival in a localized service area to a services server.

For at least the reasons presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 5, as well as Claim 6 depending therefrom, is patentable over *Buhrmann* and *Moelard*, taken either alone or in combination. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 5 and 6.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. As such, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. In order to expedite the examination of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in order to resolve any remaining issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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